



COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 21, 2018

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Hard freezes in several areas last week ended the growing season, as producers continued harvest and fall planting where conditions allowed, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Winter wheat planted was nearly complete by week's end and hard freezes aided crop dry down. Northeastern county reporters noted prior moisture and cool temps delayed fieldwork in areas and slowed winter wheat emergence, but warm temperatures later in the week allowed harvest to continue. A reporter in Morgan county noted sugarbeet harvest was in full swing last week. In east central counties, scattered moisture was received last week. A reporter noted prior moisture continued to hamper fall harvest. Reporters in southwestern counties noted recent rains improved conditions, but moisture has been unevenly distributed and exceptional drought conditions persist. In the San Luis Valley, potato harvest was virtually complete. A reporter noted hay supplies were still noticeably short. In southeastern counties, more rain was received last week that delayed harvest. A reporter noted they had two hard freezes which ended growth for corn and sorghum, but was harsh enough to set alfalfa back. Statewide, corn was rated 68 percent good to excellent, compared with 78 percent rated good to excellent last year. Stored feed supplies were rated 8 percent very short, 19 percent short, 68 percent adequate, and 5 percent surplus. Sheep death loss was 72 percent average and 28 percent light. Cattle death loss was 2 percent heavy, 76 percent average, and 22 percent light.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
4 th cutting harvested	64	59	60	72
Corn				
Mature	94	85	84	92
Harvested for grain	38	29	17	33
Dry edible beans				
Harvested	96	92	93	87
Potatoes inside San Luis Valley				
Harvested	96	83	94	93
Potatoes outside San Luis Valley				
Harvested	100	94	90	NA
Sorghum				
Mature	94	70	82	86
Harvested	26	19	12	28
Sugarbeets				
Harvested	39	26	34	45
Sunflowers				
Harvested	20	8	11	31
Winter wheat				
Planted	94	86	93	96
Emerged	75	66	63	75

NA – not available

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DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork.....	5.3	3.8	6.7	6.4
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	5	6	1	7
Short.....	18	23	10	27
Adequate.....	74	70	87	64
Surplus.....	3	1	2	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	16	11	2	12
Short.....	25	28	14	29
Adequate.....	58	60	82	58
Surplus.....	1	1	2	1

NA – not available

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CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn				
Very poor.....	3	2	1	3
Poor.....	9	6	5	6
Fair.....	20	24	16	23
Good.....	54	62	56	54
Excellent.....	14	6	22	14
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	28	29	1	6
Poor.....	27	25	8	15
Fair.....	17	20	22	28
Good.....	24	24	54	43
Excellent.....	4	2	15	8
Sorghum				
Very poor.....	10	4	3	6
Poor.....	9	6	5	13
Fair.....	26	25	12	30
Good.....	45	61	60	45
Excellent.....	10	4	20	6
Sugarbeets				
Very poor.....	3	3	1	NA
Poor.....	6	6	3	NA
Fair.....	24	24	14	NA
Good.....	42	51	60	NA
Excellent.....	25	16	22	NA
Sunflowers				
Very poor.....	2	1	1	5
Poor.....	3	2	2	7
Fair.....	29	26	15	28
Good.....	58	66	59	49
Excellent.....	8	5	23	11
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	2	2	2	2
Poor.....	5	8	9	8
Fair.....	25	32	34	38
Good.....	55	51	42	43
Excellent.....	13	7	13	9
Livestock				
Very poor.....	3	1	--	--
Poor.....	3	2	1	2
Fair.....	17	18	14	16
Good.....	68	69	78	72
Excellent.....	9	10	7	10

NA – not available

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